

For Action: Item 4-5 of Memo of 9 March 62 re: Hearing before Senate Foreign Relations

4. An interesting discussion developed on the Joint Committee with the Director pointing out that he recognized the legitimate concern of the Foreign Relations Committee with respect to the Agency but suggested for their consideration that a Joint Committee would not solve this problem but in fact would complicate it. He pointed out that a Joint Committee on Intelligence probably would hold to itself the information it received much as did the Joint Atomic Energy Committee and, consequently, Senate Foreign Relations would undoubtedly get less information concerning intelligence and CIA than under the current setup. Lausche strongly agreed with this view and Sparkman also agreed. It is believed that Fulbright was very impressed by this argument. It should be noted